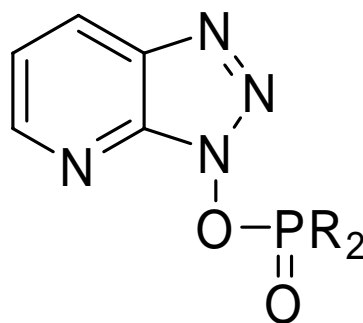


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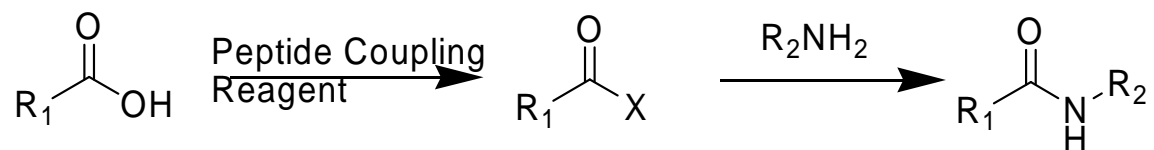


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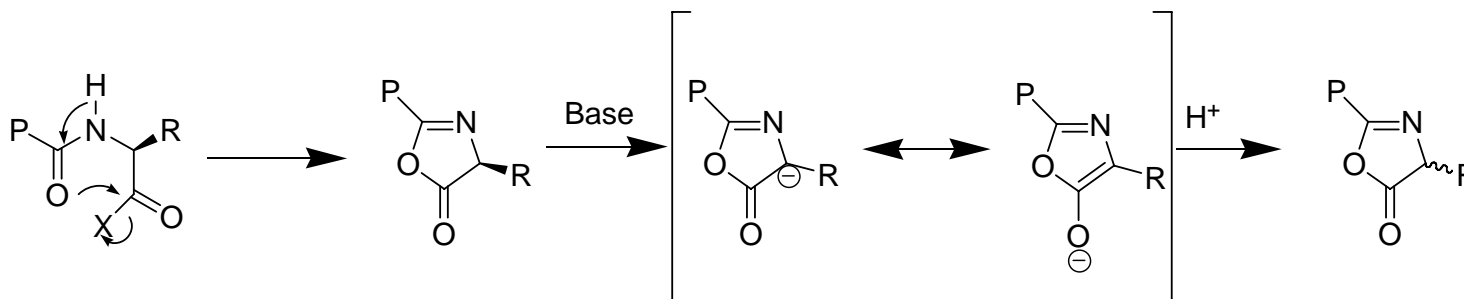
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# Peptide Coupling: General Scheme



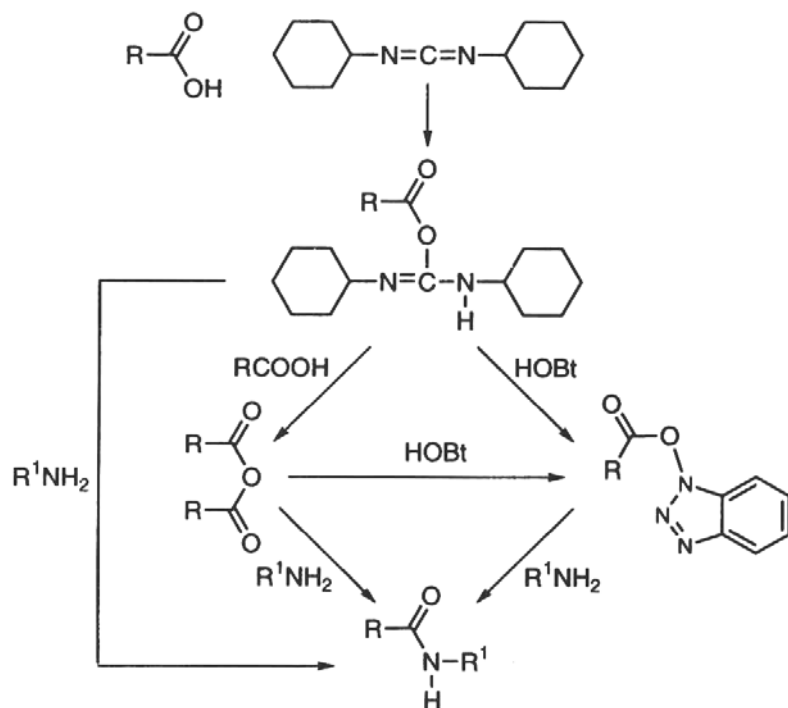
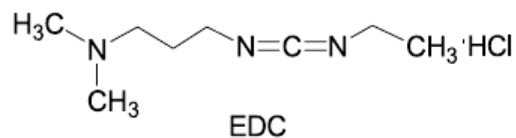
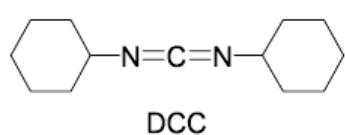
Major racemization pathway:



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# Coupling Reagents:

## 1. Carbodiimides

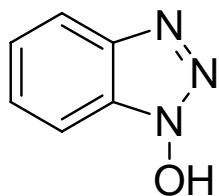


- Cheaply available
- Moderate activity
- Low racemization if combined with additives

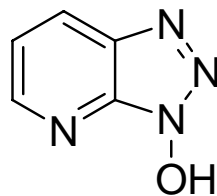
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# 1. Carbodiimides (cont.): Additives

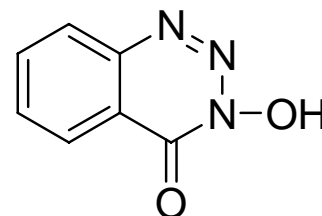
- Function: suppressing racemization, improving yield



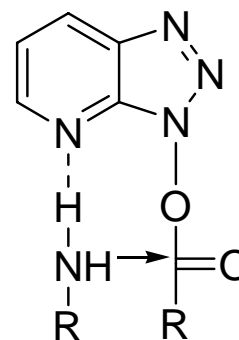
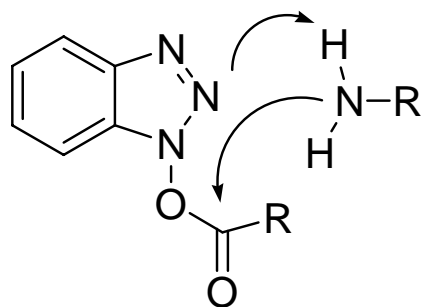
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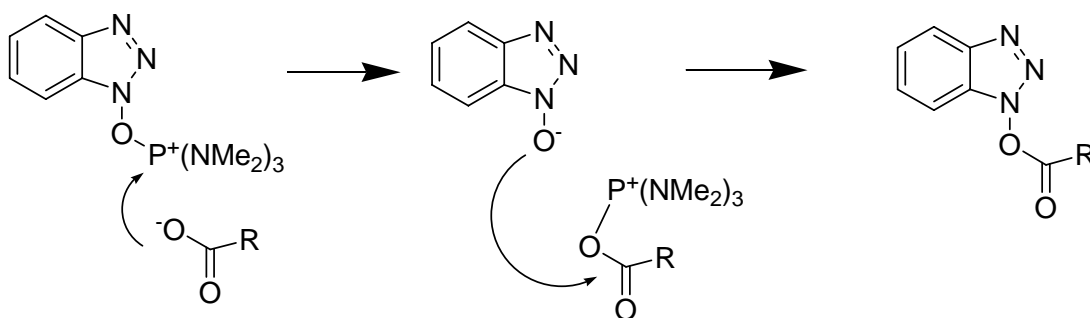
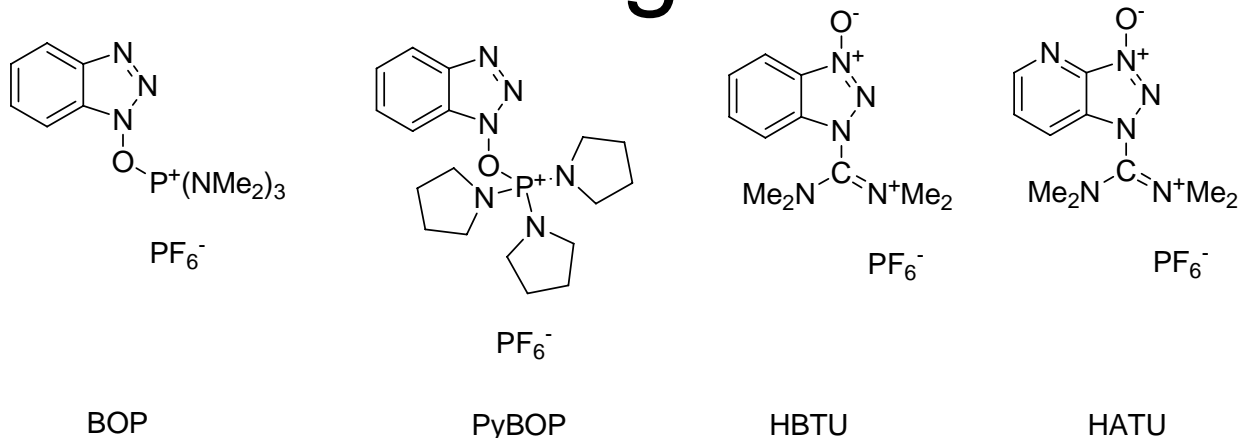


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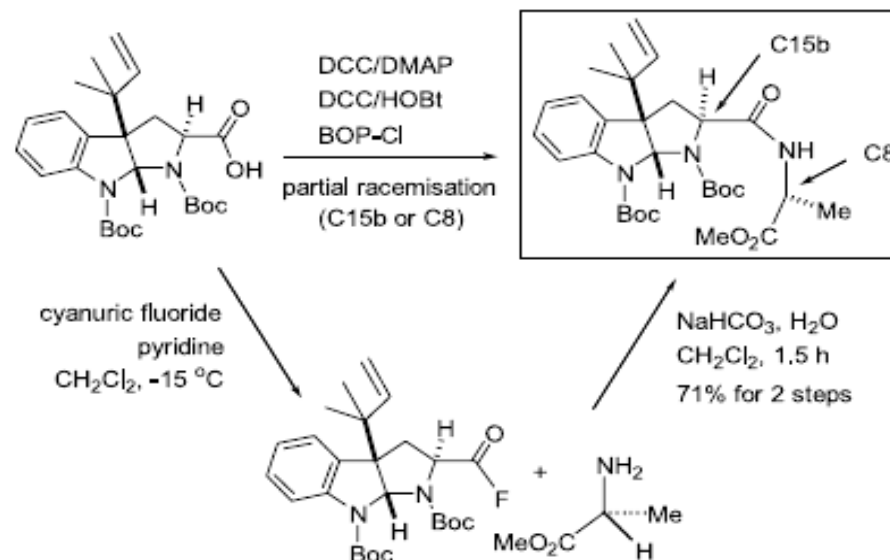
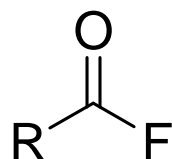
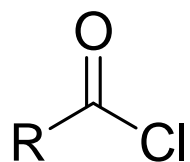
## 2. Phosphonium and Uronium Reagents



- Higher activity
- Lower racemization

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# 3. Acyl Halides

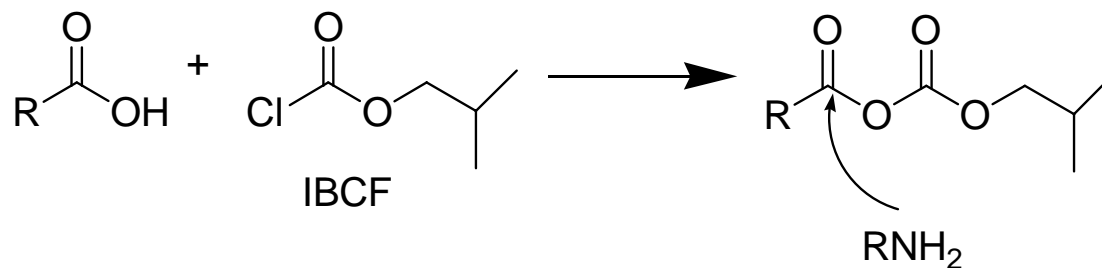


- Highest activity
- Extensive racemization
- Harsh conditions required for the formation of acyl chlorides

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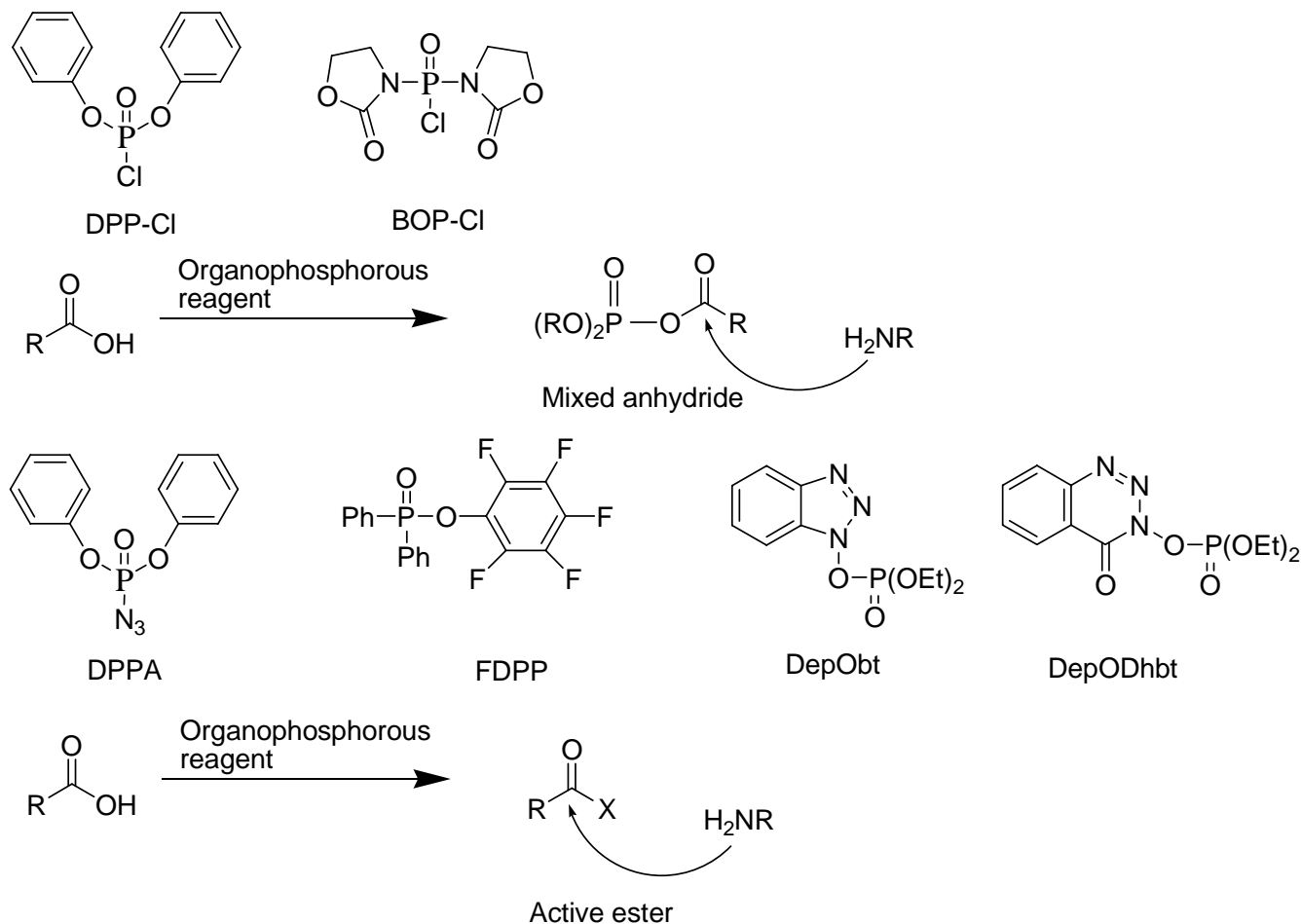
# 4. Mixed Acid Anhydrides



- Clean reaction
- Mild condition
- Cheap

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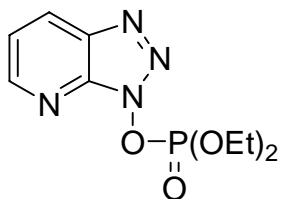
# 5. Organophosphorous Reagents



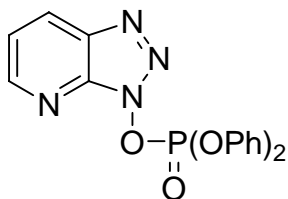
- DPPA, FDPP: Mildly active
- DepObt, DepODhbt: Lowest racemization



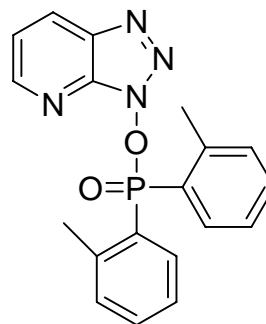
# Design and Synthesis of New Coupling Reagents



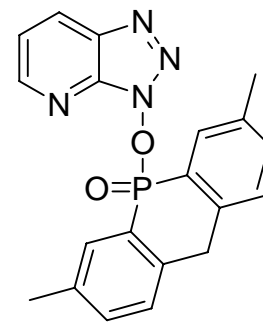
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DpopOAt (unstable)



DtpOAt



DmppOAt

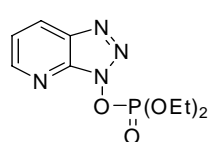
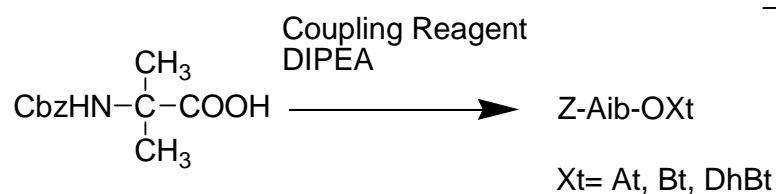
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# Active Ester Formation

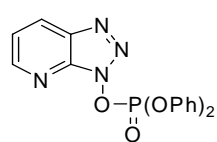
TABLE 1. Approximate Halftimes for the Formation of Z-Aib-OXt

coupling reagent	$t_{1/2}$ (DMF) (min)	$t_{1/2}$ (CDCl <sub>3</sub> ) (min)
DepOAt, 9	<2	2–3
DpopOAt, 10	<2	2–3
DepODhbt, 2	7–8	45–47
DpopODhbt <sup>a</sup>	<2	<2
DtpOBt, 16	65–70	11–12 h
HATU <sup>a</sup>	<2	14–15
HAPyU <sup>a</sup>	<2	<2
HDTU <sup>a</sup>	<2	<2
HBTU <sup>a</sup>	<2	>24 h

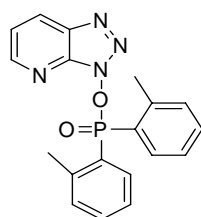
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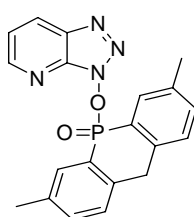
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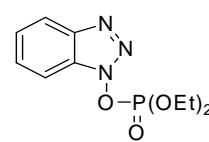
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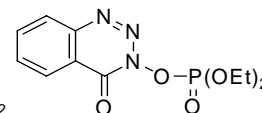
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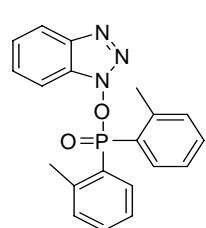
DmppOAt



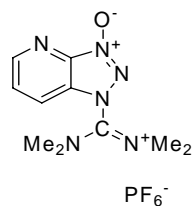
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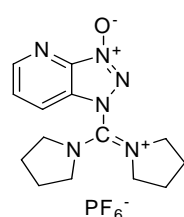
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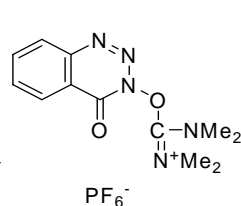
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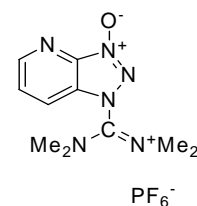
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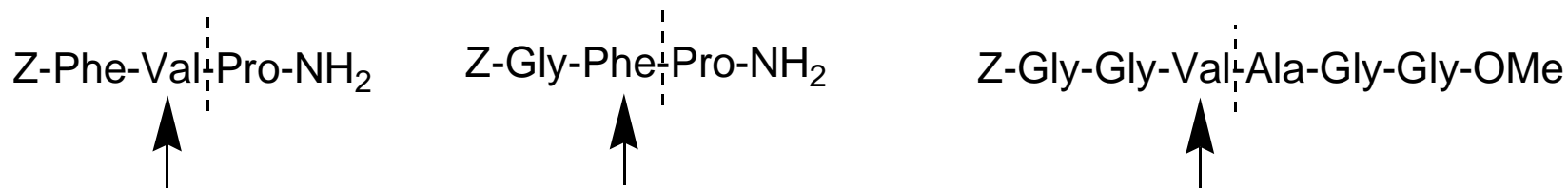


HDTU



HATU

# Extent of Epimerization



**TABLE 2.** Effect of Coupling Reagent on Extent of Epimerization during [2 + 1] Coupling Leading to Z-FVP-NH<sub>2</sub> and Z-GFP-NH<sub>2</sub> and [3 + 3] Coupling Leading to Z-GGVAGG-OMe in DMF with 2 equiv of TMP as Base<sup>a,b</sup>

coupling reagent	Z-FVP-NH <sub>2</sub>	Z-GFP-NH <sub>2</sub>	Z-GGVAGG-OMe
→ DepOAt, 9	0.9 (0.9)	<0.1	<0.1
→ DmppOAt, 15	3.6 (2.0)	0.3	
→ DtpOAt, 14	2.9 (1.4)	0.4	
HATU <sup>c</sup>	5.0 (1.8)	1.1 (0.9)	2.4
DepODhbt, 2	3.5	0.3	2.4
DtpODhbt, 17	4.3 (3.6)		
HDTU <sup>c</sup>	8.5 (4.0)		3.3
DtpOBt, 16	11.4	2.2	
HBTU <sup>c</sup>	14.2	3.6	8.2

<sup>a</sup> All figures are given as percent of the LDL- or DL-form as observed by HPLC analysis. <sup>b</sup> Figures in parentheses refer to identical runs but with 1 equiv of the appropriate HOXt added.

<sup>c</sup> See list of abbreviations not defined in text.

# Application On Solid Phase Peptide Synthesis (SPPS)

- ACP: Val-Gln-Ala-Ala-Ile-Asp-Tyr-Ile-Asn-Gly-NH<sub>2</sub>

TABLE 3. Distribution of Products, Including Various Deletion Peptides, According to HPLC Analysis<sup>a</sup> for the Assembly of ACP (65–74) via HOAt-Derived and Related Coupling Reagents

entry	coupling method	equiv of reagents <sup>b</sup>	preactivation time (min)	coupling (min)	ACP (%)	-2Ile (%)	-Ile <sup>72</sup> (%)	-Ile <sup>69</sup> (%)	-Val (%)	-Ala (%)	-Asn (%)
→1	DepOAt, 9	1.5	7	1.5	84		2	2	1	4	5
→2	DpopOAt, 10	1.5	7	1.5	85		2	1	2	6	3
3	DepODhbt, 2	1.5	7	1.5	6	9	13	19	3		1
4	DpopOBt <sup>c</sup>	1.5	7	1.5	23	21	26	19	1	1	2
5	HATU <sup>c</sup>	1.5	7	1.5	85		1	1	3		10
6	HDTU <sup>c</sup>	1.5	7	1.5	38	15	15	26			5
→7	DepOAt, 9	1.5	0	1.5	86		4	2	2	3	1
→8	DpopOAt, 10	1.5	0	1.5	81		4	1	1	7	
9	DepODhbt, 2	1.5	0	1.5	< 1 <sup>d</sup>						
10	DpopOBt <sup>c</sup>	1.5	0	1.5	29	17	25	17	2		3
11	HATU <sup>c</sup>	1.5	0	1.5	87		3	1	2		6
12	HDTU <sup>c</sup>	1.5	0	1.5	30	15	19	22	3		4

<sup>a</sup> A reversed-phase C-18 column was used with elution by a linear gradient over 20 min of 0.1% TFA in MeCN and 0.1% TFA from 1:19 to 1:1, flow rate 1.0 mL/min. <sup>b</sup> Couplings were carried out in DMF in the presence of 2 equiv of DIEA per equivalent of Fmoc-amino acid/coupling reagent. <sup>c</sup> See list of abbreviations not defined in text. <sup>d</sup> Only a trace of the desired product was obtained.

# Conclusion

- Conclusion:
  - A new class of organophosphorous coupling reagent based on HOAt was made, which showed high activity with low epimerization level.
- Future Work:
  - More extensive testing of the new reagent
  - Stability of the reagent